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DEPT PASS NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, ZA

SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT

REF: STATE 35373

1. WHILE THERE GOOD REASON FOR INCLUDING LUSAKA ON NWC AFRICA ITINERARY THIS YEAR, THERE CERTAIN LIMITATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. TIMING (APRIL 30-MAY 3) WILL COINCIDE WITH ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND NUMEROUS KEY LEADERS AND OFFICIALS ON CARIBBEAN TOUR, THUS RESTRICTING THE LEVEL AND QUALITY OF EXPOSURE AND CONTACT WHICH WOULD BE MOST MEANINGFUL TO NWC GROUP. THOUGH THE BASIC PREPARATIONS WOULD BE MADE BEFOREHAND, ADDITIONAL HANDICAP WILL BE HESITANCY OF THOSE IN CHARGE DURING TOP LEADERSHIP'S ABSENCE TO MAKE DECISIONS AND COMMITMENTS; THIS LIKELY BE PARTICULARLY SO AS REGARDS CONTACT WITH MILITARY VISITORS.

2. USE OF USAF AIRCRAFT COULD POSE SPECIAL PROBLEM FOR ZAMBIANS AND, WHILE THERE FAIR CHANCE WE WOULD BE ABLE TO OVERCOME THIS OBSTACLE, IT CONCEIVABLE CLEARANCE WOULD NOT BE GRANTED FOR SUCH AIRCRAFT AND THERE POSSIBILITY DECISION WOULD BE LEFT UNTIL ALMOST LAST MINUTE.

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3. AS FOR EMBASSY STAFF, IT WOULD WELCOME VISIT AND

MAKE EVERY EFFORT ENSURE ITS SUCCESS. WE CERTAINLY
PREPARED SEEK GRZ APPROVAL AND ARRANGE PROGRAM.

4. SUGGEST NWC AGAIN REVIEW PROPOSED LUSAKA VISIT
WITH AF/E IN LIGHT FOREGOING.

5. IN EVENT LUSAKA VISIT TAKES PLACE, CONTROL OFFICER
WILL BE POLITICAL/ECONOMIC OFFICER BROOKS WRAMPPELMEIER,
OFFICE PHONE 50222 EXT. 118, HOME PHONE 50985.
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